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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in December 2012

On Dec. 7 the department responded to a Dec. 6 records request by Lora Zimmer of the Hinshaw & Culbertson law firm of Appleton, Wis. Ms. Zimmer wanted all recent-year records of licensing, investigations, suspensions, and corrective action plans for Abby's One True Gift adoption placement agency of Waukee. There was no fee.

On Dec. 7 the department responded to a Dec. 7 records request by Shanelle Andrew (at shanelle_andrew@hotmail.com) for a list of email addresses for all licensed childcare centers and registered family child development homes. The DHS lists email addresses per provider on the department's website. There was no fee.

On Dec. 11 the department responded to a Nov. 28 records request by Scott Lyon of Disability Rights Iowa. Mr. Lyon wanted copies of records pertaining to the department's contract with Ascend Management Innovations, of Nashville, Tenn., for pre-admission screening and resident review (PASRR) of nursing facility residents. There was no fee.

On Dec. 14 the department responded to a Dec. 7 records request by the Whitaker Hagenow law firm for documents pertaining to the firm's client. The firm paid a fee of \$64.60 per the department's records policy.

On Dec. 19 the department responded to a request for Medicaid data from Dental Dental. The request involved data extraction that required significant administrative time. Delta Dental paid a fee of \$190.

On Dec. 21 the department finished a response to a Dec. 8 records request by the FOIA group of Depew, New York. The group wanted a great number of records about the contract for the lowa Integrated Eligibility Project which will replace the mainframe eligibility computer system. Part of the request was sent earlier and was resent. Additional information was easily gathered and placed on a disc. A third chunk of information required six hours of staff time to recover. The FOIA group paid a fee of \$96 per the department's record policy.